

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached two sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 17-20. The first sheet, which includes Figs. 17-19, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 17-19. The second sheet, which includes Fig. 20, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 20. In Figs. 17-20, the legend --Prior Art-- has been added.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets (2)
 Annotated Sheets Showing Changes (2)

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Drawings

The Action objects to the drawings under MPEP 608.02(g) and asserts that Figs. 17-20 should be designated as prior art. In response, Figs. 17-20 are amended to include the designation --Prior Art--. Replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes reflecting this amendment are enclosed.

Claim Status

Claims 1-20 were presented. Claims 11, 12, 19 and 20, which are withdrawn from consideration as a result of the previous restriction requirement and election, are canceled without prejudice. Claim 18 is also canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-10 and 13-17 are now pending.

Allowed Claims

The allowance of claims 1-10 and 13-17 is noted and appreciated.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Matthews (US 6,424,412) in view of Chaney (US 4,996,416). Claim 18 is canceled, without prejudice, rendering these grounds for rejection moot.

Conclusion

This application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment.

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Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No.
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Respectfully submitted,
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